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SUBJECT: Hillary Clinton and the new US National Security Team - Sao Paulo Media Reaction

Title - Assembling Obama's Administration

Editorial in center-right O Estado de S.Paulo (12/2) says:
"President-elect Barack Obama has finished assembling the core of his administration, after announcing the nomination of Hillary Clinton to be Secretary of State.... The timing and the choice of the names were dictated both by an emergency and by a political limitation...the determining factor...is Obama's condition of being newly-arrived in Washington.... Now, the question that will follow him to the White House is whether his individual resources of power-charisma and awakening the world's hope, his statesman-like stature and his amazing ability to mobilize public opinion-will be enough to assert himself before a cabinet filled with big-egos and stars who are not only ready to be rivals among themselves, but to act as if they had ample powers."

Title- Obama Changes, To the past.

Article by columnist Clovis Rossi in liberal Folha de S.Paulo (12/5) states: "President-elect Barack Obama's nominations in the areas of foreign relations, defense and security...seem to clearly define what the word 'change' meant to him: going back to the past, more specifically to the Clinton era.... Obama, obviously, has to please Americans above anyone else.... Expecting that 'change' meant 'revolution' could only occur to those of us who live in countries without a long history of wide success. In favor of Hillary Rodham Clinton, she is the author of a bill to close Guantanamo's concentration camp (along with Senator Dianne Feinstein) and, if she implements it while in power, it will be a positive change to the past, rescuing values that make up the history of success of the USA."
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